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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 19th December 1956.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

1.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

The misconception abroad about the Tamils

* 110 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to the answer to the Legislative Council Question No. 31, dated the 27th August 1956—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the exhibition at the Chicago Natural History Museum of a bronze statue of a Tamilian palm tree climber with the caption that the Tamils are a mixture of White and Negro stocks having dark brown and wavy hair; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to take up the matter with the Government of India for the removal of the misconception abroad about the Tamils?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister); (*a*) Government have no official information in the matter.

(*b*) No, Sir.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This matter was also brought to my notice and I wrote to the American Consul here. He took up the matter with the concerned authorities and I have been informed that it has been rectified now.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : எந்த மாதிரி திருத்தியமைத்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று தெரிய வருமா ? அது பற்றி விவரம் சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry I do not have the letter with me now. Otherwise, I shall be able to give the exact information. But I may tell the hon. Member that I did address the American Consul here about the matter and he has taken action.

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY : May I ask the learned Finance Minister whether there is any foundation for this libel, for this ethnological gross error? Is there any foundation at all for saying that we are a mixture? Mixture is sold only in hotels.